

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-4, 6, 10-17, 19, 20, 23-30, 32, 33, 36-39, 41-44, and 46 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 14, 27 and 41 have been amended. Dependent claims 47-49 have been added. Claims 1-4, 6, 10-17, 19, 20, 23-30, 32, 33, 36-39, 41-44, 46 and 47-49 are pending for examination with claims 1, 14, 27, and 41 being independent claims. No new matter has been added. The application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for initiating a telephone interview on June 3, 2008. During the interview, the "license file" and "policy restriction file" recited in the independent claims was discussed.

Claims Rejections

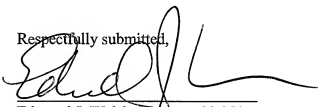
Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references, whether considered alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a peer-to-peer collaboration system that is managed in a way that meets all limitations of any of the claims. The reasoning for this position is explained in more detail in previously submitted responses, and is not repeated here. However, at least one relevant difference is that none of the references describes either a method or apparatus for managing a peer-to-peer collaboration system that exchanges management information including a policy restriction file. Accordingly, there is at least one limitation of each of the claims that is not met by the cited references.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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